



KIWANIS CLUB OF RIDGEWOOD, NY 3-2-1

Meets 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 12 Noon @ GRYC Clubhouse, 59-03 Summerfield Street, Ridgewood, NY 11385



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Race One: The scheduled meet went off without a hitch. 40 members were on hand to socially distance themselves from other members as Gino opened the meeting with a clap of the gong. Everyone rose from their chairs and recited the Pledge to the Flag. At that point, Deacon Kevin Powell gave a beautiful blessing of the meal that we were preparing for. Kevin asked for blessings of our members, good health, patience and guidance at this time of uncertainty. Thanks, Deacon for the powerful and meaningful words.

Race Two: The meet was moved to outdoors with multiple 10 x 20 Canopy tents and plenty of room between members. It was a bit hot, then came a short rain and everyone was safe and protected. Thanks Carlos, Jason and the rest of the custodial crew for making that happen. Kenny Dunn was sitting in the first seat, thinking that the food would be brought out and served. "Fake Out" as we had our food indoors. The meal this time was pizza slices and chicken, eggplant and sausage rolls cut in half, individually wrapped and served in small pizza boxes. Here is a picture of our new chef at Grace Pizza, and what a great job he did to get it done.



Race Three: Gino asked for any Happy Dollars and guests in the tent covered corral. Hank Kraker said he was only giving half the money since he could only see half the faces at the meet. Masks were worn by ALL and everyone was very well behaved with the rule.



Damnation, I don't get it!! They said that you can wear a bandana to protect yourself and others from COVID. Don't see how this could be effective, but I like the color and design.

Race Four: Happy Dollars continued as Bob introduced Jenifer Rajkumar, the winner of the Democratic Primary for NYS Assembly and informed the members that Jenifer has taken an application for membership to the Club. At that point, our newest member gave some happy dollars and spoke about the community and specifically the members from the 104th Precinct who were also in attendance. At that point, Bob continued to introduce Jason Demoloitz and Joseph Then, both from the GRYC as new members. Tommy Torres gave happy dollars for being a member and getting to work with the club to distribute food during the pandemic. Thanks Tommy for helping out during an incredibly difficult time for all of us. P.O. Mike Berish gave some buckaroos for Tommy Bell's retirement and the club's support and help during the pandemic. Kudos Ridgewood 3-2-1.



Race Five: Thanks to P.O. Mike Berish and P.O. Asar Sanad, the 104th Precinct Community Affairs Officers, for saluting our member Detective Tommy Bell who is now a civilian, retiring on July 31st at the 104 where he spent over 20 years serving our communities. Tommy is a superstar and friend to all, ok, maybe there were one or two people that weren't so friendly, but, that doesn't matter now. LOL Congratulations buddy on a job well done. In Detective Bell's honor, the Ridgewood 3-2-1 club donated 240 Blessing Bags filled with school supplies to be distributed at the 104th Precinct on September 1st. Deputy Inspector, yes, Captain Perry got promoted, will hold her second annual Backpack giveaway for the children of our community. There is a picture of the supplies that were taken by our Mike and Asar. Oh, BTW, these two crafty Officers brought along the Precinct's new Youth Coordination Officers Bush and Amato to carry the stuff out and load up the van. Well, at least they let them eat their lunch first before they worked it off, loading and unloading the stuff.



Left Picture: Loads of supplies for the 240 Backpacks.

Right Picture: Mike Berish resting before asking his YCO's to move the stuff.



Race Six: Times are tough. Our business members are trying to recover from this damn virus and what it has done to our lives and economy. Michael Addeo had a meeting on Long Island, Rafal Ziolkowski from Oliwa Construction busy catching up with jobs, Andrew Trumbetti and Craig Hubmeier holding down the fort at CrossBox County, Lucian Matej was someplace upstate and Linda Monte was unable to attend but donated diapers and wipes. Diane Cusimano was in the house and chatting with the power women squad of Janine Mahon and Jenifer Rajkumar. She was thankful for the Eggplant Roll and slice of pizza combo, as were her buddies. No sorry, Chris McDougall still didn't make it to the clubhouse, but, he too is catching up on work, as was Joe "The Rooster" Florio, better known as Joe the Plumber. There was a request from Bob to say a little prayer for our members Bernie and Ann Zablocki, as Ann is in NYPQ Hospital fighting some lung issues. I dug up this older picture, no Bernie I'm not calling you OLD, it just looks good with you guys surrounded by our other members. While you're at it, please keep Tina Forte, our best Crossing Guard ever, in your prayers as she, too, is battling some medical issues. John Hennessey from Ridgewood Savings is not allowed to attend outside events because of the risk of COVID but, Kevin and Maureen Powell, John and Margie Stahl, along with Bronco Bill Rennison were in the house and each brought Diapers and Wipes for our collection day. Kenny Dunn and Hank were missing JR Velepec, oh yeah, me too.



Race Six: A fantastic representation of GRYC Directors and staff came to enjoy the meal and the outdoor setting. If I remember correctly, here is the roster of attendees: Ricky Wahmann, Aidan Leavens, Dina DePaola, David Volcy, Ariel Triunfel, Shiv Ramsamooj, Raquel Chin, Carmen Resto, Cynthia Ortiz, Irene Pina, Edwing Vilsaint, Andy Villion, Marc Darius, Paul Hoffmann, Danielle Kleiman, Maria Batista, Papi Chulo Rodriguez, Mary Benitez, and Patrick Wagner. As wild as this may seem, many of the other GRYC Directors were at their Day Camp sites with in-person campers. The GRYC conducted In-Person Day Camps for hundreds of children, had a full complement of staff working and a great and safe time was had by all. DIPPY Liz Fitzgerald, Catherine Siegal, Christine Halloran, Xiomara Pina, Walter Welsh, Kevin Goodish, Jennifer Lamberty, Karla O'Malley, Sabrina Sierra and Jackie Hogan (welcome back after her maternity leave).

Race Seven: Our Corporate Member, Liran Gross from Maspeth Federal Savings was in the house and rumor is that he left a cardboard cutout of himself at a Webinar and had to rush back after giving Happy Dollars. Thanks for taking the time to join us at the meet. Also unable to attend were Jayne Wadhawan and Alex Lagombra from Valley National. Our wonderful BUSINESS MEMBER Mia Carla Rodriguez from Investors Bank has moved to another branch but will remain active with our club. Our buddy Lori Ann Psarras from Cross County tried to join us but got busy at the branch. Lori contacted us a few times during the pandemic to say she missed the club. Joan Hoffmann was able to make it and even stayed for our Emergency Board Meeting. Welcome to the Board Joan, not sure that you heard the motion and vote to make you a new Board Member. Master Beekeeper Tom "DPM" Wilk was present and was coming in on Thursday to harvest some honey from his hives. Yum, yum, pure natural honey, the perfect medicine for this time of Corona. Oh, yeah, I was there too.

Race Eight: Upcoming Events include:

August 26th – Next Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at the Clubhouse, 12 noon

September 1st – Backpack giveaway at the 104th Precinct, 1:00 PM on Catalpa Avenue by Station House

September 2nd – Regular Meeting of the 3-2-1 Club at the Corral, 12 noon

September 7th – Next Board of Directors Meeting at the Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

Race Nine: The meeting ended right on time. The total of the Happy Dollars \$250 and Food Money was collected.

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Enjoy the Picture Catalogue of what we had going on during the pandemic and recent events...



Left Picture: Candidate for the NYS Assembly and New Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 Member Jenifer Rajkumar with Greater Ridgewood Youth Council President Bob Monahan.

Right Picture: P.O. Asar Sanad, Bob Monahan, Jenifer Rajkumar and Deputy Inspector Victoria Perry pose with masks after productive meeting at the GRYC Headquarters discussing community concerns.



Left Picture: Loads of supplies were delivered by Jason and Joseph for the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, New York Division at Belmont, Aqueduct and Saratoga Racetracks. The Chaplaincy works with the Backstretch at each track to provide vital and essential services for the families. The Ridgewood 3-2-1 Club donated 240 Backpacks along with pencils, pens, rulers, markers, crayons, composition books, and other school items. In addition, the Club sponsored shirts (shown above in the middle picture) for the children on the backstretch for their soccer and sports activities, along with water, food and other essential items.

Right Picture: Members of the 3-2-1 Club pack bags with school materials for Summer Day Camp participants at the GRYC sites.



The NYPD 104th Precinct Youth Coordination Officers provided youth ages 10-16, a Fit Camp at Rosemary Playground in Ridgewood. The program averaged about 30 participants for the first four weeks and this week coming up will be the last week of camp. Providing support were some staff from the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council who are working in partnership with NYPD Youth Strategies, Community Affairs and Community Partnerships. The program operates on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There were many exciting activities and events that occurred over the next 5 weeks.



Over the past few years, the GRYC and the Kiwanis Club of Ridgewood 3-2-1 have been providing food, supplies and meals to the Backstretch workers at Belmont and Aqueduct Racetracks. Through a partnership with the NY Race Track Chaplaincy of America, over 1,500 meals were distributed, \$4,000 of Food Pantry items and food goods and gifts for the family and children of this sometimes forgotten group. At the same time, the GRYC/3-2-1 has also contributed 2,000 meals to the Hungry Monk Outreach Team along with Food Pantry items. Thanks Fr. Mike and Fr. Angel (members of the 3-2-1 Club) for remaining open when so many others have shuttered their doors. Well done, Good and Faithful Servants.

DAILY DOSE MAISON



**Ridgewood 3-2-1
member, Claire
Mahon at St. Mary's
Children's Hospital in
Bayside**



What can you say about Gino, Jason, Carlos, Ricky, Maricelis and Bob Temkin zipping around delivering over 30,000 individually packaged & prepared nutritious meals (shown above). These donated meals were distributed to our First Responders, Essential Workers and many other locations in Brooklyn and Queens. It is anticipated that the GRYC and Ridgewood Kiwanis 3-2-1 will deliver over 34,000 total meals over the next couple of weeks. Thank you Daily Dose/Maison for your generosity and caring for those in great need at this difficult and uncertain time in history.